



*In the Matter of:
The State of Delaware
Department of Education*

*In Re: Academia Antonia Alonso
Formal Review
June 12, 2014
Public Hearing*

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
and
BOARD OF EDUCATION

In re:

Academia Antonia Alonso

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street
Dover, Delaware 19901
June 12, 2014
5:00 p.m.

HEARD BEFORE:

Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director, Charter School
Office

APPEARANCES:

Donna Johnson - Executive Director, Delaware State Board of
Education

Catherine T. Hickey, Esq. - Counsel to the Hearing Officer

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Ms. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I declare this public hearing to be open. My name is Jennifer Nagourney. I am the Executive Director of the Charter School Office at the Delaware Department of Education and I have been appointed by the Secretary of Education to conduct this public hearing. The charter of **Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School** was placed on Formal Review by the Department of Education with the assent of the State Board of Education. As required by law, the matter was referred to the Charter School Accountability Committee, which has issued a final report on this matter.

I will now ask the others with me today to introduce themselves:

MS. JOHNSON: "Donna Johnson, Executive Director, Delaware State Board of Education"

MS. HICKEY: "Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and Counsel to the hearing officer this evening."

MS. NAGOURNEY: This joint public hearing is being held by the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to assist in the decision of whether the criteria set forth for remedial action in the Delaware Code have been satisfied. This hearing also provides the school an opportunity to respond to the initial report of the accountability committee, which recommended a finding of probation with conditions and also to receive public comment.

I would like the record to reflect that the notice of the time, date and place of today's public hearing was published in The News Journal and the Delaware State News on April 18, 2014. In addition, notice was posted at the Charter School Accountability Committee's official place of business, on the Department of Education's official website, and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on the State's official website on April 17, 2014.

38 Further, the applicant was personally notified of the time, date
39 and place of today's public hearing on April 17, 2014.

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41 Normally, we would have a court reporter present so that a record
42 of this hearing can be made. Tonight, because no court reporter
43 is present we will be relying on the tape recorder to record this
44 hearing and we will prepare a transcript that will be entered
45 into the record official record to make sure that the events of
46 this meeting are submitted to the Secretary of Education and
47 members of the State Board of Education, together with any
48 written or electronic comments received at or before this
49 hearing.

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51 We will proceed in the following manner. First, we will hear
52 from any representatives of the charter school who wish to
53 comment. Then we will take comments from anyone else who desires
54 to speak. There are signup sheets - or there were signup sheets
55 at the table that we are now in possession of. If there is anyone
56 who is not signed in who desires to speak, please raise your hand
57 now. <pause> No one has spoken. I would also like to note at
58 this time, it is 5:11 PM and the public hearing was scheduled to
59 begin at 5:00. As of now, we don't have anyone signed - we have
60 five people in attendance but we do not have anyone signed up to
61 speak. We will remain - at this point, we will go off the record
62 until 5:30 PM to provide anyone who wants to speak and has not
63 yet attended the opportunity to speak. At that the time, we go
64 back on the record and close the hearing.

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66 MS. HICKEY: Ms. Nagourney?

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68 MS. Nagourney? Yes?

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70 MS. HICKEY: Have you received any written or electronic comments?

72 MS. NAGOURNEY: We have. We have received several, all of which
73 have been added to the added to the web site of the Charter
74 School Office and are available for review.

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76 MS. HICKEY: Thank you.

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80 MS. NAGOURNEY: At this point, we're going to go back on the
81 record. The time is now 5:31 PM. I would like to note that no
82 additional parties have come forward and said that they would
83 like to speak. So at this time we will close the hearing. I
84 want to thank you all for coming today. The Secretary will
85 consider your comments as part of the decision-making process and
86 your comments will also be available for the State Board to
87 consider.

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89 This hearing is now closed. [5:31 PM]

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